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WET BENCH WAFER FLOATING DETECTION SYSTEM

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- U.S. Patent 6,033,475 to Hasebe et al., "Resist Processing Apparatus," describes a method of removing bubbles from a developing solution.
- U.S. Patent 4,917,123 to McConnell et al., "Apparatus for Treating Wafers with Process Fluids," teaches that a rinsing fluid should be free from bubbles because bubbles trap particles.
- U.S. Patent 6,312,597 to Mohindra et al., "Apparatus for Delivering Ultra-Low Particle Counts in Semiconductor Manufacturing," discloses that bubbles can trap particles.

Sincerely,

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